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COUNTRY TEAM MESSAGE.

INITIAL ACTION BY POST IN CUBAN SITUATION

AMBASSADOR, IN CALL ON ADOULA PRIOR DELIVERY TEXT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, GENERATED PROPOSAL FOR LETTER BY PRIMIN TO PRESIDENT RE THREAT OF AGGRESSION POSED IN CUBA. OTHERS SEEN: BOMBOKO AND MOBUTU WHO ALSO TOOK FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE. STAFF ALSO SEEING GENGE (SECSTATE INFO), SENATE PRES KOUMERICO, CHAMBER PRES KIMPIOBI, MIN INTERIOR KAMITATU.

USIS PLACED PRESIDENT'S SPEECH WITH ACP (CONGOLESE PRESS SERVICE); LOCAL NEWSPAPER USED USIS ~~PHOTO OF PRESIDENT~~ MAKING ADDRESS AS WELL AS US CARRIER UNDER WAY. TEXT DISTRIBUTED TO TOP LEADERS AND OTHER IMPORTANT CONGOLESE. USIS ALSO PLACED TEXT FOR USE NATIONAL RADIO STATION, LEOPOLDVILLE. CAS LARGELY CONTROLLED OUTPUT TWO LOCAL DAILIES THIS SUBJECT.

APPRECIATE RECEIVING MATERIAL FOR SPECIAL USE HERE WITH FOLLOWING SUGGESTED THEMES: (1) LONG REACH OF COMMIE WORLD (RED CHINA PRESSURES ON INDIA AND TAIWAN, SOUTH EAST ASIA, CUBA -- POINTING UP SOVIET CAPABILITY ESTABLISH AGGRESSIVE FOOTHOLD IN CONGO IF INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES CONGO INTEGRITY UNAVAILABLE); (2) KATANGA-CUBA PARALLELS (COVERT MILITARY BUILD-UP DESPITE PROTESTATIONS TO CONTRARY) US QUARANTINE OF CUBA SIMILAR TO UN EFFORTS SANITIZE CONGO; (3) AFRICANS UNDERSTAND POWER AND US MILITARY CAPABILITY SHOULD BE STRESSED.

SHOULD BE REMEMBERED TIME DIFFERENCES MEAN DEVELOPMENTS IN US REPORTED AND PUBLISHED HERE ALMOST AS QUICKLY AS IN U.S.

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